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SUBJECT: USG CHEMICAL WEAPONS ARMS CONTROL PROPOSAL

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1. PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TEXT PROVIDED PARAS 2,3 AND 4 AND
KEY ELEMENTS (REF B) TO POLADS IN LETTER OR OTHER
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APPROPRIATE FORM ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED
ITS REVIEW OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) POLICY ISSUES. WE NOW
EXPECT TO PRESENT A CW ARMS CONTROL PROPOSAL TO THE SOVIET
UNION AT THE NEXT ROUND OF US-SOVIET CW CONSULTATIONS,
WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN GENEVA ABOUT JULY 5.

3. OUR PLAN IS TO SEEK SOVIET AGREEMENT TO KEY ELEMENTS OF A COMPLETE PROHIBITION. AGREED KEY ELEMENTS WOULD THEN FORM THE BASIS FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT.

4. WE BELIEVE THE PROPOSED US POSITION IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH NATO SECURITY INTERESTS AND THE US POSITION OUTLINED DURING NATO CW CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED AT END OF MARCH. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS NATO MEMBERS MAY HAVE AND

WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH POLADS ON JUNE 30 OR MORNING JULY 1. THE KEY ELEMENTS WHICH THE US PLANS TO PROPOSE ARE AS FOLLOWS: (INSERT REF B). END TEXT.

5. FYI: INFORMATION CONTAINED PARAS 2 AND 3 WAS HANDED OVER IN NON-PAPERS TO OFFICIALS OF UK, FRG, JAPANESE AND FRENCH EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, JUNE 14-15. TEXT OF NON-PAPERS PROVIDED SEPTELS.

6. US EXPERT FLOWERREE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS EITHER JUNE 30 OR AM JULY 1. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S VIEWS ASAP ON MOST APPROPRIATE TIMING FOR DISCUSSIONS. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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